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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government are not aware of the issue of any such orders to Revenue Divisional Officers, but the officers of the Revenue Department are expected to exercise when necessary the powers conferred on them to enable them to collect the land revenue.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I know whether the Government officers are taking more coercive steps this year than in previous years?"

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"Government have no information."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know from the Hon. the Revenue Member whether Collectors of districts have issued stringent circulars to their subordinate officers to see that the tax is collected somehow or other?"

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I have no information on the point."

Need for remission of land revenue in Malabar on account of fallen trees.

* 829 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the resettlement rates of land revenue were introduced in Malabar;

(*b*) whether at any time the Government or the Board of Revenue called for reports from the Collector of Malabar in regard to fallen trees and the need for granting temporary or permanent remission; and

(*c*) whether he will be pleased to place on the table of the House the reports received on the subject?

A.—(*a*) Resettlement rates were introduced in fasli 1336 in the Wynad taluk, in fasli 1341 in the taluks of Palghat, Calicut and Walluvanad and in fasli 1342 in the Kurumbranad taluk. They are being introduced in the current fasli in the remaining plains taluks.

(*b*) & (*c*) No such report has been called for by the Government since July 1931. The Government have no information whether the Board of Revenue called for any such report.

Local Self-Government

Alleged irregularities in the conduct of elections to the Chingleput District Board held in June 1932.

* 830 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that, in connexion with the elections held in June 1932 to the District Board of Chingleput, the counterfoils relating to the third booth of Uttiramerur and the entire counterfoils of the Kammalampundi booths were missing;

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(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Government to trace the missing bundles of counterfoils or to take any disciplinary action against those responsible;

(c) whether it is a fact that the petitioner communicated these irregularities to the Secretary to the Local Self-Government, Madras, and if so, what action has been taken thereon; and

(d) what action has been taken for this alleged negligence on the part of the Government and whether all the counterfoils have since been traced and are in safe custody in the event of their being required for scrutiny by a competent court of law?

A.—(a) The Government are not aware of this.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) & (d) A petition was received from Mr. T. Sabapathi Mudaliyar and he was informed that Government found on investigation that the allegations made by him against the Tahsildar of Conjeeveram were incorrect.

Medical Administration

Appointment of a woman doctor to the Taluk Headquarters Hospital, Kasaragod.

* 831 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the hospital committee of the Kasaragod Taluk Headquarters Hospital was asked by the Government whether a woman doctor is required for the hospital;

(b) what the report and recommendation are of the committee; and

(c) what the daily attendance was of the male and female outpatients respectively of the Kasaragod Taluk Headquarters Hospital in the month of January last?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Males—207.

Females—133.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—" In view of the large number of ladies attending the hospital, may I know whether Government would consider the advisability of sanctioning a lady doctor for the hospital? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I have already stated in answer to a similar question that the matter would be considered as soon as funds are available.